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AGENDA

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

October 25, 2016

6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

**8200 WESTMINSTER BOULEVARD
WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA 92683**

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MEETINGS

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- 1. SALUTE TO FLAG:**
- 2. ROLL CALL: CRUZ, GLEW, HO, NGUYEN, ROBBINS,**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**
- 4. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

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4.1 T.C. 72-353

Assessment of Traffic Operations at the Intersection of Trask Avenue and Chestnut Street

RECOMMENDATION: That the Traffic Commission consider the options as listed in this report

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

10. ITEMS COMMISSIONERS/STAFF MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

11. ADJOURNMENT: To a Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

DECLARATION: This agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board outside of the Council Chambers, where completely accessible to the public, at least 72 hours in advance of the City Council Meeting.



Veronica Johnson, Secretary

October 25, 2016

TO: Traffic Commission

SUBJECT: T.C. 72-353

Assessment of Traffic Operations at the Intersection of Trask Avenue and Chestnut Street

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic Commission consider the options as listed in this report.

DISCUSSION:

In October 2016, Councilmember Sergio Contreras requested that staff perform an assessment of traffic operations at the intersection of Trask Avenue and Chestnut Street. The Councilmember expressed concern regarding the safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic at the subject intersection.

As part of the assessment study, staff performed several site visits to observe the traffic conditions, perform speed surveys, and inventory all signs and roadway markings. Accident records were also researched as part of the effort. **Exhibit A** provides an aerial view of the intersection of Trask Avenue and Chestnut Street.

Speed Survey

The 85th percentile speed and posted speed limit along Trask Avenue and Chestnut Street is 35 miles per hour and 25 miles per hour, respectively. The Westminster Police Department utilizes radar equipment to regularly enforce the speed limit on this corridor.

Site Inventory

All signs and roadway markings were inspected by staff. Compliance with the latest standards as outlined in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) was also verified. The site inventory and inspection identified that all signs and roadway markings are in good condition.

The subject area is signed properly with the exception of pedestrian crossing signs located on the south side of Trask Avenue, just west of Chestnut Street.

Recommendation: Update the pedestrian crossing signs in accordance with the latest California MUTCD standards.

Accident Analysis

There have been ten accidents in the subject intersection for the last five years; one of which included a vehicle-pedestrian collision. The accident was classified by the Westminster Police Department as a pedestrian right-of-way violation.

Traffic Conditions

The intersection is utilized by a combination of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. It is located adjacent to multi-family dwelling units, single-family homes, and an elementary school.

Vehicle Traffic: Trask Avenue is classified as a secondary arterial; it is a four lane roadway that carries approximately 10,000 vehicles per day. Chestnut Street is classified as a residential street; it is a two lane roadway that carries approximately 2,000 vehicles per day.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Traffic: There is a constant presence of pedestrians and bicycles at the subject intersection. However, there are two very distinct scenarios regarding this matter.

The first scenario, referred to as the school peak hour scenario, is characterized by an increased presence of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

The second scenario, referred to as the school off-peak hour scenario, is considerably less congested. Vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians are able to perform turn maneuvers without experiencing delays.

Options for Consideration

A careful analysis of the 85th percentile speed, condition of the roadway (including signs and pavement markings), traffic collision history, and traffic operations concludes that the intersection of Trask Avenue and Chestnut Street does not constitute a hazard to the public at large.

It is of utmost importance that safety be taken into account at all times; therefore, staff would like to present the Commission with the following options for consideration as it pertains to the traffic assessment for the subject intersection.

Option 1: Monitor the intersection by performing regular site visits for the next 6-months.

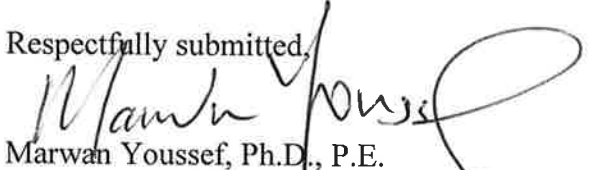
Option 2: Install sign post reflectors on the existing stop sign posts along Trask Avenue.

Option 3: Install solar panel flashing beacons on the existing stop sign posts, on the median islands, along Trask Avenue.


Staff recommends that the Traffic Commission consider the options as listed above.

Local residents and the Westminster School District were notified of tonight's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Marwan Youssef, Ph.D., P.E.
Public Works Director/City Engineer

By:


Adolfo Ozaeta, P.E., T.E.
City Traffic Engineer

Attachments:

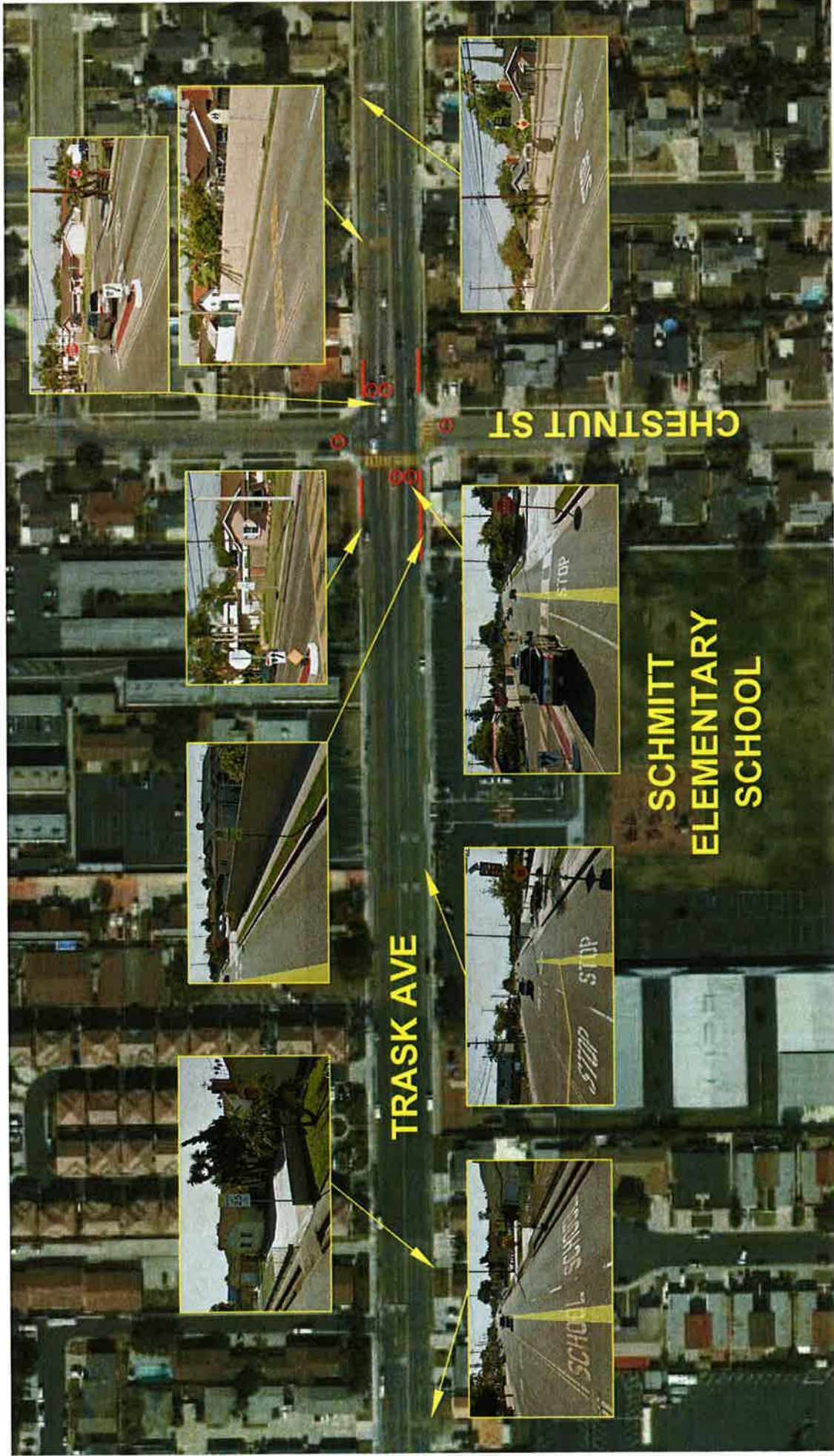
Exhibit A

Collision History Report



NOT TO SCALE

ASSESSMENT OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF TRASK AVENUE AND CHESTNUT STREET



TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION
Drawn by: H. PHAM
October 25, 2016

EXHIBIT A

STOP SIGN CONTROLLED APPROACH
EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS

City of Westminster Police Department

From 10/1/2011 to 10/1/2016

Total Collisions: 10

Injury Collisions: 5

Fatal Collisions: 0

Collision Summary Report

10/19/16

CHESTNUT STREET & TRASK AVENUE										Page 1 of 2	
12-03637	4/22/2012	17:12	Sunday	Other Motor Vehicle	TRASK AVENUE & CHESTNUT STREET	0'	Direction: Not State	Daylight	Cloudy	Pty at Fault:1	
Party 1 Driver	Broadside			Proceeding Straight	Traffic Signals and Signs	22450A	Hit & Run: No	Complaint of Pain	# Inj: 1	# Killed: 0	
Veh Type: Passenger Car			East	Assoc Factor: None Stated		Female	Age: 24	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Party 2 Driver			South	Assoc Factor: None Stated		Female	Age: 38	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Veh Type: Passenger Car			Sobriety: HNBD			Lap/Shoulder Harness Used					
13-01174	2/16/2013	20:00	Saturday	TRASK AVENUE & CHESTNUT STREET	0'	Direction: Not State	Dark - Street Light	Clear	Pty at Fault:1		
Vehicle - Pedestrian			Pedestrian	Ped R/W Violation		21950A	Hit & Run: No	Complaint of Pain	# Inj: 1	# Killed: 0	
Party 1 Driver			East	Proceeding Straight		Male	Age: 74	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Veh Type: Passenger Car			Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent		Lap/Shoulder Harness Used					
Party 2 Pedestrian			South	Assoc Factor: None Apparent		Male	Age: 28	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Veh Type: Pedestrian			Sobriety: HNBD			None in Vehicle					
13-01536	3/4/2013	10:17	Monday	TRASK AVENUE & CHESTNUT STREET	0'	Direction: Not State	Daylight	Clear	Pty at Fault:1		
Broadside			Other Motor Vehicle	Traffic Signals and Signs		22450A	Hit & Run: No	Other Visible Injury	# Inj: 2	# Killed: 0	
Party 1 Driver			East	Proceeding Straight		Male	Age: 18	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Veh Type: Passenger Car			Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: Inattention		Lap/Shoulder Harness Used					
Party 2 Driver			South	Assoc Factor: None Apparent		Female	Age: 25	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Veh Type: Passenger Car			Sobriety: HNBD			Lap/Shoulder Harness Used					
13-03524	5/19/2013	12:51	Sunday	CHESTNUT STREET & TRASK AVENUE	0'	Direction: Not State	Daylight	Clear	Pty at Fault:1		
Broadside			Other Motor Vehicle	Auto R/W Violation		21800A	Hit & Run: Misde	Property Damage Only	# Inj: 0	# Killed: 0	
Party 1 Driver			East	Proceeding Straight		Female	Age:	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Veh Type: Passenger Car			Sobriety: Impairment Not Kno	Assoc Factor: None Apparent		Male	Age: 65	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Party 2 Driver			South	Making Left Turn		Lap/Shoulder Harness Used					
Veh Type: Passenger Car			Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent		Female	Age: 25	Cell Phone Not In Use			
13-04563	6/28/2013	08:32	Friday	CHESTNUT STREET & TRASK AVENUE	0'	Direction: Not State	Daylight	Clear	Pty at Fault:1		
Broadside			Other Motor Vehicle	Traffic Signals and Signs		22450A	Hit & Run: Misde	Property Damage Only	# Inj: 0	# Killed: 0	
Party 1 Driver			North	Proceeding Straight		Male	Age: 50	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Veh Type: Pickup Truck			Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent		Lap/Shoulder Harness Used					
Party 2 Driver			West	Proceeding Straight		Female	Age: 29	Cell Phone Not In Use			
Veh Type: Passenger Car			Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent		Lap/Shoulder Harness Used					

CHESTNUT STREET & TRASK AVENUE

13-04939	7/11/2013	Thursdays	CHESTNUT STREET & TRASK AVENUE	40'	Direction: North	Daylight	Clear	Pty at Fault:1
Party 1	Driver	Parked Motor Vehicle	Unknown		Hit & Run: Misde	Property Damage Only	# Inj: 0	# Killed: 0
Veh Type: Other		North	Proceeding Straight	Unknown	Age:			
Party 2	Parked Vehicle	Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent					
Veh Type: Passenger Car		North	Parked		Age:			
		Sobriety: Not Applicable	Assoc Factor: None Apparent					
14-00254	1/9/2014	Thursdays	TRASK AVENUE & CHESTNUT STREET	0'	Direction:	Dark - Street Light	Clear	Pty at Fault:1
Party 1	Driver	Other Motor Vehicle	Traffic Signals and Signs	22450A	Hit & Run: Misde	Property Damage Only	# Inj: 0	# Killed: 0
Veh Type:		East	Proceeding Straight	Male	Age:			
Party 2	Driver	Sobriety: Impairment Not Kno	Assoc Factor: None Apparent	Not Stated		Cell Phone Not In Use		
Veh Type:		North	Making Left Turn	Male	Age: 30			
		Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent	Lap/Shoulder Harness Used		Cell Phone Not In Use		
14-02285	3/21/2014	Friday	TRASK AVENUE & CHESTNUT STREET	0'	Direction: Not State	Daylight	Clear	Pty at Fault:2
Party 1	Driver	Bicycle	Traffic Signals and Signs	22450A	Hit & Run: No	Complaint of Pain	# Inj: 1	# Killed: 0
Veh Type:		North	Proceeding Straight	Male	Age: 18			
Party 2	Bicyclist	Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent	Lap/Shoulder Harness Used		Cell Phone Not In Use		
Veh Type:		East	Proceeding Straight	Male	Age: 38			
		Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: Violation	Not Stated		Cell Phone Not In Use		
15-01756	2/28/2015	Saturdays	TRASK AVENUE & CHESTNUT STREET	0'	Direction: Not State	Daylight	Cloudy	Pty at Fault:0
Party 1	Driver	Other Motor Vehicle	Auto R/W Violation	21800A	Hit & Run: No	Complaint of Pain	# Inj: 1	# Killed: 0
Veh Type:		West	Proceeding Straight	Female	Age: 60			
Party 2	Driver	Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent	Lap/Shoulder Harness Used		Cell Phone Not In Use		
Veh Type:		North	Proceeding Straight	Female	Age: 25			
		Sobriety: HNBD	Assoc Factor: None Apparent	Lap/Shoulder Harness Used		Cell Phone Not In Use		
15-03096	3/13/2015	Friday	CHESTNUT STREET & TRASK AVENUE	40'	Direction: North	Dusk - Dawn		Pty at Fault:1
Party 1	Driver	Parked Motor Vehicle	Unknown		Hit & Run: Misde	Property Damage Only	# Inj: 0	# Killed: 0
Veh Type:			Proceeding Straight		Age:			
Party 2	Parked Vehicle	Sobriety: Impairment Not Kno	Assoc Factor: Violation	Not Stated		Cell Phone Not In Use		
Veh Type:		South	Parked		Age:			
		Sobriety: Not Applicable	Assoc Factor: None Apparent	Not Stated		Cell Phone Not In Use		

Settings for Query:

Street: CHESTNUT STREET
Cross Street: TRASK AVENUE
Intersection Related: True
Sorted By: Date and Time